His letters and records filed Ford-Library-Records.

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Dear Jan,

Temporarily at least I've no affidavits before me. Since July those I've prepared are at least as long as three books.

As I told you months ago I would, I've read the copies you sent with interest. While there is nothing sensational in them, they do have importances. One is showing that the Commission and its members knew very well that they had to make investigations they didn't make and had to ask questions they did not ask. Some of it is valuable because it reflects the insanity of the political preconceptions of the Ford people, including him. You are right in thinking that some of the withheld information pertains to the campaign against Norman Redlich as a "red." Ford tried to get him fired for that reason and as part of an extreme right-wing campaign. I have such records from other sources. Some should be in the Ford library. And that is the subject of the 5/19/64 executive session. The reasons advanced for withholding it were, on the end, all withdrawn except the privacy claim. It was claimed, and on this claim the government prevailed, that to disclose the transcript would violate Redlich's right to privacy. I beoieve the real reason is to protect Ford from his own stupidities and excesses.

Also, I found the Ruby notes interesting because I do not recall any disclosed record which reflects the allegation that Harry Olsen and the "gal" suggested to Ruby that Oswald should be killed. If you ever see any more on this, it would be of interest.

I made a note for a reason I now do not remember to ask you, if you go back, to be alert to any notes on the "Henry W de" session. I remember now: there is no transcript of it. So any notes could be valuable. That session was about 1/23 or 24 and had to do with reports that Oswald had been an informant.

On the other t anscriots, unless there are notes, I have them all.

Maybe you do wish you could be more "professional," but the pros are not about to dig for what can be embarrassing. Only the critics do this.

The last pages of the 1/21/64 transcript were disclosed years before the date marked on them there. I forced their disclosure in litigation not later than early 1981 if not earlier.

The Lane-Markham transcript you didn't get copied was published by the WC.

What the Ford staff knew about Styles (or the WC's) is that he was ghosting a book for Ford, I'd guess.

While I do not know why the page of the Truly transcript is withheld, it is most likely because of possibly defamatory reference to TSBD employees. One was not all there and at least one had a drug record. Or it could be something else.

If the Portrait of the Assassin file holds classified WC records, that would be interesting. They did use and corrupt the 4/22 transcript. You said Box 2 has WC records in it.

The references to defectors do not include Nosenko. He is the subject of the 6/23 transcript. The earlier one mentions two others, both well known. But the record you did get is interesting and I have sent a copy to someone who is writing a book and may use it.

On 8/27 you referred to the withheld Truly page again, suggesting it had to do with an emotionally-disturbed TSBD employee. That is Jack Daugherty, one of the

legitimate privacy withholdings. Daugherty did testify, his testimony was helpful to Oswald and uncongenial to the WC, so they ignored it.

If you fired a Carcano, you are braver that I! I've never fired mine. Others have in me presence at a local range. I do not trust the weapon at all!

Thanks for your inquiries about my health. I guess I'm doing as well as I can expect, and I suspect better than the FBI would like because in one case, as a result of the evidence I produced with affidavits, they have to go back and search again for withheld JFK assassination records. They can, and probably will, stall that almost indefinitely.

Again my thanks. I wanted to be able to read all the records at one time and write you about them then, thus the delay - until I had time. As part of the overall picture, these are very worthwhile and I'd be surprised is what you call a pro would have risked his career to dig them up and circulate them. Or even understand some.

I hope that you've been able to hold onto you job and that you and your family are well, will have a good holiday season and a fine year ahead.

Best wishes,